

000,000 francs, and authority was conferred on the Ministry of Finance to allow two additional increases of 50,000,000 francs each, with an interval of two years between each increase. * The circulation had already reached 135,090,250 francs in the fiscal year 1906 and rose to 150,565,360 francs on October 15, 1907. The volume of discounts, which had been 994,009,992 francs in 1906, was 1,121,270,240 francs (\$216,400,000) in 1907. The same law authorized an increase of capital from 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 francs, which was voted by the stockholders on April 29, 1907.* *The State Bank of Morocco.*

One of the results of the conference of the Powers at Algieras in the winter of 1905-06 was the decision to create the State Bank of Morocco, to exercise the rights which might be accorded to it by the Sultan, and to have the exclusive privilege of note issue. Its privileges run for forty years from the ratifications of the protocol of April 7, 1906, which were not long delayed. The capital, which was forbidden to be less than 15,000,000 francs, might be augmented by vote of the shareholders. The shares were divided into as many parts as the Powers participating in the conference and arrangements were made for their subscription through the various national banks. The metallic reserve was required to be fifty per cent, of the issues for the first two years after the opening of the bank, and after that date not less than one-third. Of these required reserves at least one-third must be in gold.⁸

The annual report of the State Bank for 1907 showed total assets of 23,580,064 francs, of which 3,975,419 francs was in specie, 5,347,217 francs was advanced to the Government of Morocco, and 4,701,875 francs represented the unpaid subscriptions of shareholders. The net profits for 1907 were 241,891 francs, of which the bulk was devoted to the expenses of organization.⁴

¹ *Bulletin de Statistique*, April, 1907, LXL, 385.

² *Moniteur des IntMts Mat&riels*, Dec. 13, 1907, 4031.

³ *&conomiste Europken*, April 13, 1906, XXIX., 460-61.

⁴ *Moniteur des IntMts Malkriels*, July 5, 1908, 2209.